

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Vision: Step By Step Together We Reach New Heights

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm back! Thank you to Toby Kite for the excellent job he did holding the fort and to our teaching staff who ended the term well. Thank you also to the Board of Trustees for their support and allowing me the opportunity to not only travel, but to also visit other schools. I certainly have an increased appreciation for our New Zealand education system and the opportunities our children have available to them.

We had a large number of families complete the 'Student Placement' notice and indicate that they would like to take part in school surveys. Your details have been collated for the Board to use to collect your voice and opinions.

Principal update - please read the letter from the Board Chair.

Term 4 is always a busy term, there are celebrations, assessments, graduation and student led conferences. With the sunnier weather it is essential that children have a named hat to wear every day. Children who do not have a hat will be directed to play in front of rooms 1-4 where it is shaded.

Recently we received formal notification that the NZ Music Foundation supported our funding grant application. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the NZ Music Foundation in assisting with funding the Raukatauri Music Therapy programme in Term Four for our Kahukura students. Music therapy is an important and enjoyable component of the curriculum for children with special needs in our school.

Student Led conferences are now Wednesday 14th November from 3.15pm. To make an online booking for a meeting with your child's teacher go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), event code is 7mpm8. If you do not have access to the internet contact our office to manually book a time for you.

Our playground is coming along well. We will be having a formal blessing and opening in week 4. Please keep an eye on Facebook and the next newsletter for the notice of date/time.

We are currently pursuing insurers to repair or replace our Shade Structure. We are determined to have a timeline for repair before the end of the year.

Swimming pool, thanks to those who came along to help Gordon set up on 1/10. We appreciate the support.

Ka Kite

Leisha Byrnes  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**Please note:** Community Survey on Inclusive Practices forms have gone home. You can enter to win a 2019 stationery pack by completing survey online <https://bit.ly/2CAqGll> (please note last 3 letters are a capital G, lower case l and capital L). If you require assistance to complete this please come to the office.

### CELEBRATIONS

Our REACH focus for the rest of this week is ENGAGED. Will will focus on AWARE for the following fortnight.

The playground is coming along...



## TERM FOUR 2018 DATES

Whole school assemblies are held in the hall on Fridays at midday on even weeks of the term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

### October

31st BOT meeting, 5.30pm, staffroom

### November

6th LHS Choir - Kids for Kids Concert, 8.30am  
9th Whole school athletics 9.30-12.30pm  
Bake sale - graduation fundraiser  
13th New Entrants class & individual photos  
14th Hearing & Vision testing  
Student Led conferences from 3.15pm  
Yr 5/6 NorWest Cricket tournament, Huapai Domain  
19-21st ERO Review  
22nd Playgroup Bake Sale  
29th Summer Reading Programme registration -  
3.00pm-6.30pm in the Library

TERM FOUR ENDS ON FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 3.00PM

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Student Led conferences date moved from 31st October to 14th November from 3.15pm.** You can book your time slot with your child's teacher online by going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), event code 7mpm8. Alternatively you can contact the office to book a time.
- Graduation **Bake Sale**, Friday 9th November.
- **Scholastic Book Order #7** closes Thursday 1st November. Orders and payment to the office please.
- All LHS **netball uniforms** should have been returned for your bond refund. If you have not, can you please do so within the next week.
- Save the Date for the **Summer Reading Programme registration** evening. From 3pm to 6.3pm in the library. Marshmallows and Milo while you register.
- Taupaki School **monster fireworks** fundraiser on Friday 26th October at Kumeu Showgrounds. Entertainment, rides and free carparking. Family tickets (2 adults & 4 children) \$35 on the night or \$30 from Taupaki School, Adults \$15, Children & Senior citizens \$5 each
- **Thursday Zumba classes in the hall** with Magda on a Thursday evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the hall. \$5.00 per person, children under 13 years free. Contact Magda James, Licensed Instructor on 021 048 0456 or email [magdaikiwi@gmail.com](mailto:magdaikiwi@gmail.com) for more information.
- Don't forget to check out our Lincoln Heights School Official Facebook page where alerts are posted to our community on a regular basis.
- **Do you have an under 5 child at home that will be starting school soon?** We are planning our New Entrant classes. If you have a pre-schooler that will be starting with us either later this year or next please let the office know the child's name and date of birth.
- **Facebook.** Don't forget to Like Us on Facebook: Lincoln Heights School Official and watch for alerts that are regularly posted.

## PLAYGROUP

The Auckland Kindergarten Association operates a Playgroup in Room 7 (on the top field) for under 5s. Parents must be present to supervise their children. Playgroup operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact Coordinator Jordan by emailing [lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@playgroups.org.nz) or phoning the office during playgroup hours for more information.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

sKids Lincoln Heights in Rm 31 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME from 7.00am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Contact Manel or Sam by phone 0800 187 000/021 922 521 or email at [lincolnheights@skids.co.nz](mailto:lincolnheights@skids.co.nz)

This term SKiDS will be rolling out a special edition of Nestle Healthy Active Kid's (NHAK) Foodstorm modules every Thursday at After School Care. This module is a new and exciting way Nestle is further bringing their NHAK programme to life through SKiDS kids and cooking. We would like to extend this great opportunity to LHS children by offering **FREE** NHAK Foodstorm sessions every Thursday for four children in term four.

An entry form will be distributed to children. The four students chosen will need to be registered either online or by enrolment form. To register/book go to [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) and click parent login (programme venue: Lincoln Heights) or visit us in Rm 75 to complete an enrolment form.

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Jeanette Murphy-Stewart  
**Board Chairperson**

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24 October 2018

Kia ora whanau

Welcome back to term 4, hope you all had a great break and refreshed looking forward to a new term.


The Board of Trustees has been busily working through the Governance Manual review that provides governance for the school. We have had several meetings working on the development of the Strategic plan for 2019 that provides strategic direction for the school. Also supporting the management team in the property development with particular interest in the shade structure and we aim to share that information with you at a community hui in week 4 or 5 of this term. A date will be advised closer to the time.

Presently we have some news we wish to share with you. As you will be aware Debbie Waikato has been on extended sick leave for some months and as she is unlikely to be able to return to her position as Principal in the near future she has decided to resign so that we can proceed with some certainty with our planning for this term and next year. The Board wishes Debbie all the best in her future endeavours and thanks her for contribution to the school over the last sixteen years.

Whilst it is sad to say goodbye to Debbie, we are grateful to Debbie for all her hard work over the last sixteen years, ten of those years were as the Principal of our school. We appreciate her dedication and her continued support of our school and this community. We know you all will join us in wishing her well. She will be missed and leaves some very big shoes to fill.

It is a new chapter for Lincoln Heights School. Leisha Byrnes will remain as Acting Principal whilst the Board work through the timeline for the appointment of a new Principal. This process will be dependent on applications received for the position however we envisage that we should be in a position to announce the new Principal in Term 1 2019.

Leisha and her management team have been doing an excellent job for the past few months and has the full support of the Board. We appreciate the management team and staff of Lincoln Heights and look forward to an exciting Term 4.

Mauri ora  
  
Jeanette Murphy-Stewart

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